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Zach Elliston donates blood on March 13 in the PUB multipurpose room.



David Early participates in the Cesar Chavez Challenge Blood Drive.

Blood drive saves and memorializes lives

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Giving blood has the potential to save three lives per donation. “[The blood] gets divided into three different components: the platelets, the plasma and the red blood cells. So, one unit could potentially save three lives, depending on the recipients’ needs,” said Row Peters, Inland Northwest Blood Center’s Territory Manager and EWU alumna. The College Assisted Migrant Program or CAMP held their annual Cesar Chavez Challenge Blood Drive on March 13 in the PUB MPR. According to CAMP member and blood drive coordinator Jacqueline Cruz, students

all over the country take part in the Cesar Chavez Challenge. “Over 250 universities are participating in the challenge,” Cruz said. Cesar Chavez was a leader in promoting equality for Hispanics through community service. “It’s kind of like we’re trying to commemorate Cesar Chavez and his example on how he promoted equal rights. He is a historical figure for Hispanics and we’re kind of trying to follow his example with community involvement, like self-sacrifice and giving blood,” she said. Peters said she was excited to partner with CAMP to make this event possible. “It’s a big campaign to raise awareness for migrant workers, such as Cesar Chavez did in his lifetime. It’s a national campaign where students can compete for scholarships based on their goals,” said Peters.

Scholarships are based off of the percentage of donors and how it compares to the original goal. The set goals include categories such as registered donors, actual donors, first time donors and Hispanic or Latino donors. After the event, Peters said there were 104 procedures performed and 131 products collected. The blood drive was also dedicated in memory of Ashley Gonzalez and Nancy Zepeda Zarate, the two EWU students who lost their lives on Feb. 21. CAMP volunteer Irvin Mendoza, who knew the two girls, said they were involved in a lot, including CAMP. One of the donors, Alexis Mullalley, said one of the reasons she decided to donate was because she knew both Gonzalez and Zarate.

“I’m just here to support. I don’t need all [the blood],” said Mullalley. “It’s something my mom and I have always done. She’s an EMT firefighter, so I’ve been able to see first hand how much it’s needed,” Mullalley said, who tries to give at least three times every year. According to Peters, The Inland Northwest Blood Center is the only blood bank close to the Spokane area, and they are always looking for donors. “We have a 150-mile area radius around Spokane that we service. We have about 35 area hospitals and need 200 donors a day on average to supply that need,” said Peters.

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Annual symposium offers professional opportunities

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EWU graduate student Betsy White has been preparing her research projects since fall quarter 2013 in order to have her best work presented during the 17th annual symposium on May 13-14. The Student Research and Creative Works Symposium is an annual event showcasing EWU graduate and undergraduate projects. These

projects are based on student disciplines and personal interests. The presentations can be oral, visual or interactive. According to the symposium Facebook page, “The mission of the EWU Student Research and Creative Works Symposium is to promote student research, scholarship and creative activity done in partnership with faculty as a vital component of higher education.” The EWU Student Research Symposium is a two-day annual event where students from

various disciplines across campus present their research or creative work to the university, community and the general public in a professional setting. White will be presenting two research papers. One of her projects is on the Iroquois confederacy and their influence on the U.S. Constitution. This project was spurred from White’s Inter-governmental class. White’s second project is a little more personal. Her paper is on transgender variance in the K-12 classroom with a focus more on the younger children. She said her project is going to discuss the issues of public schools and their dealing with transgender children. When there is a transgender child in the classroom, schools tend to “freak out,” said White. They do not have a very good understanding of how to handle the situation, and White would like to fix that. White’s motivation for this project is that she is raising a transgender child. When her son was five, he told his teacher he would one day be a girl.

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Senior Levi Lane waits for the ball to be pitched during the game on March 30.

Eagles baseball flies far during the spring

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The EWU baseball is the longest running club sport at Eastern and currently has a 3-2 record for this season. The Eastern baseball club is part of the National Club Baseball Association. Along with playing other schools in their division, the team also plays throughout the league. The Eagles are currently in first place in the Northern Pacific-North conference. Eastern is ahead of Montana, Idaho and Montana State in the standings. The club currently has 10 new members this year. Senior pitcher Jon

Rapose is a new addition who pitched in the NAIA World Series last year. Rapose is joined by fellow senior third baseman, Eric Raynes, senior second baseman Nathan Weber and freshman pitcher Dan Pitz. The Eagles started off slow by losing two straight games to Seattle University. They lost the first game 6-4 and lost the second game with a larger deficit of 9-4. “I think that they outplayed us. I don’t think that they were necessarily the better team,” senior outfielder Jeffrey Levine said.

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Upcoming Events

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April 8 is Equal Pay Day, representing the day when men’s pay equal women’s for the same year. A woman will earn \$.77 per hour for every \$1.00 her male counterpart makes. EWU Career Services will hold a workshop in Monroe Hall from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on “Women and the Wage Gap: Not Celebrating Equal Pay Day.”

In the JFK Library on April 8, retired Maj. Robert H. Riedel from the Department of Military Science will provide a viewing and discussion of the movie “Unsung Heroes.”

From April 7-18, the Academic Success Center and McNair’s are holding their annual clothes drive. Donations of gently-worn clothing can be dropped off in Monroe Hall 211 or the various drop boxes that will be set up around campus.

The 17th annual Research and Creative Works Symposium is

May 13-14. Submissions must be in by April 11, and posters must be printed in the Multi-Media Commons by May 2.

Students, faculty and staff can follow the board of trustee’s search for a new EWU president through a website devoted to the search. The

website includes updates on the progress, a profile of the position and will announce the final decision. This site can be accessed at <http://www.ewu.edu/presidentialsearch>. Questions and comments can be directed to boardoftrustees@ewu.edu.



FACEBOOK HAS ADDED 50 NEW GENDER RECOGNITION TITLES FOR USERS, INCLUDING

- TRANSSEXUAL
- BI-GENDER
- ANDROGYNOUS

Graphic by Kyle Pearson

Facebook opens door to transgender community

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Facebook has added 50 new gender recognition titles for users. “The change is really a reflection of society’s shift away from thinking of gender as a strictly binary thing,” said EWU professor of women’s and gender studies Jessica Willis.

Among the new identity options are transsexual, bi-gender and androgynous.

“It’s good to see people standing up, even people who aren’t directly affected,” said Sierra Vanderhoogt of the EWU Pride Center.

The Human Rights Campaign claims that “many youth — particularly those who do not fit our more conventional ideas about gender — feel marginalized, unsafe and less hopeful.”

Some activists such as Gender Spectrum consider the idea of gender to be just as much a social construction as a biological one, wherein the gender of a person is disguised as a biological inevitability reinforced by society’s perspective.

“For some students, it’s frustrating to not have the gender they identify with be an option, but it’s better than the options that were available before,” Vanderhoogt said.

Facebook also allows users to change the pronoun used to refer to them. Instead of “him” or “her,” users may now be called options such as “they.” Users can also create their own pronouns they would like to be used.

“My preferred pronouns are jhe/jhur/jhurs,” student Fira Hedlund said. “When I found out about the new gender options on Facebook, I was ecstatic within about a min-

ute of finding out my gender went from undisclosed to neither. I don’t identify as a woman or a man, leaving me with neither as the most accurate term in regards to my gender.”

The list of new gender titles in personal profiles is expansive, but some still find the options limiting. “I think a better thing Facebook could do would be to not have the options limited but allow people to just fill in a blank with whatever term best fits them.” Hedlund said. “That might give some interesting results, but at least people would have whatever most accurately described them.”

Facebook’s shift in policy has not gone without reprisals. As Forbes columnist Ralph Benko said, “The deconstruction of gender implies nothing less than a splitting of the personal atom: social nuclear fission, where the cohesive gender identity of the individual is broken down.”

Benko emphasizes the importance of a closeted village social structure and poses the argument that the “deconstruction of gender” will do more harm than good.

A study by the Williams Institute determined that there are nearly 700,000 transgender individuals in the U.S.

While some skeptics believe the changes to Facebook were influenced more by increasing ad revenue than goodwill and altruism, such as Sean Davis from the Federalist, who asserts that the change may be more of a response to a slipping market, many consider it a step in the right direction for tolerance.

The change currently is only implemented in places where U.S. English is the language on the site, but according to the Associated Press, Facebook intends to expand it globally once appropriate pronouns are found for other countries.

Bottles of beer stay on the wall within alcohol delivery restrictions

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Students 21 years of age or older living on campus are unable to capitalize on the Cheney liquor store’s decision to deliver alcohol directly to people’s doorsteps.

The Washington Administrative Code states that alcoholic beverages may not be sold in any student housing. The delivery of alcohol to a residence, under law, counts as the final part of the sale and is therefore prohibited on campus, according to chief housing officer Josh Ashcroft.

The liquor store has been delivering since July 2013, said owner Tillman Carr. They have seen an increase in sales since they began delivering, and Carr said he would be “more than happy to deliver on campus” if the law allowed.

When Carr consulted with Tim Walters, Eastern’s police chief, he found out the delivery of alcohol on campus was illegal.

Even though EWU’s conduct code does not specifically address alcohol delivery, Mike Bowers of student’s rights and responsibilities said that the university adheres to the administrative code for the law.

The Washington Administrative Code does allow the consumption of alcohol in residence halls on an individual basis, provided each person is of age.

Carr said he still delivers to students who live off campus, as long as the place he is delivering to is not associated with the university.

When delivering alcohol, Carr said that they make sure the person buying the alcohol is not already intoxicated, and he said he has refused to deliver to people for this reason. The store also brings an age verification machine when making deliveries to ensure the person is at least 21

years old. The person delivering just has to stick the customer’s driver’s license in the electronic device to make sure the license is valid.

Barbara Ratcliff, associate director of business operations in housing and residential life, said reaching out to the police was “probably a wise decision” for the liquor store. Many people who worked in Ratcliff’s department, including herself, were initially unaware of the rule against delivering alcohol on campus when they were asked.

Even though alcohol delivery is prohibited, the university has no problem with the delivery

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Late winter snow causes waterfowl numbers to soar during spring time

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Pools of water scatter throughout the Cheney fields in springtime, and drivers cruising by can spot anything from ducks and swans fueling up for their northern journey to bald eagles flying overhead hunting for prey.

What they are witnessing is only a small sample of the tremendous amount of bird species accumulating in the channelled scablands in Eastern Washington, which is the ideal place for thousands of birds to funnel through as they migrate back up north for the summer.

Freshwater wetlands, like the ones surrounding Cheney, cover only 1 percent of the Earth, yet they hold more than 40 percent of the world’s species and 12 percent of all animal species, according to Ducks Unlimited. Out of over 900 bird species in North America, about 138 species in the conterminous United States rely on the wetlands.

“Wetlands are one of the most important, if not the most important, habitat on the planet,” said the manager of conservation programs at Ducks Unlimited, Chris Bonsignore.

This year in particular has seen a high amount of birds in the wetlands of Eastern Washington. The bird species in the area are dependant on the weather, Bonsignore said, and due to the high amount of late winter snow, followed by higher temperatures and rain, the wetlands filled up more than in previous years.

The wetlands are created from melting snow and rain runoff, and Bonsignore said the way it happened this year was perfect.

This creates a unique habitat that supports animals of all kinds, including “amphibians, weasels, moose, beavers, songbirds and many kinds of waterfowl,” Bonsignore said.

Mike Rule, a wildlife biologist at Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge, said that thousands of waterfowl species travel through the



Photo by Laura Jones

A timely wetland ecosystem envelops the dry fields of Cheney.

area as part of their migration up north and the more the wetlands are filled, the more species of birds there will be.

Rule said that in the past, bald eagles would migrate to the area in the fall and possibly stick around for the winter before moving off to their nesting ground. But over the past few years, Eastern Washington has hosted nesting bald eagles.

The eagles are happy to see an increase in waterfowl too.

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these species are migrating up to Canada.

One species that has begun to nest around Cheney, however, is the bald eagle.

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City of Spokane, local musicians rally around the Big Dipper venue

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When Dan Hoerner was 19, he used a fake ID to sneak into a small Spokane venue called the Big Dipper. He never dreamed that 25 years later, he would be the owner.

A Spokane native, Hoerner is best known for being the lead guitarist in the 1990s Seattle emo band Sunny Day Real Estate. After a hard two decades of recording and touring for little money, Hoerner retired from the music industry. He and his family bought a farm in Eastern Washington, far from the spotlight.

After a short break, Hoerner could not stay away from music for long.

“A little more than a year ago now, I had a friend who had been down to the Big Dipper and had been inside the building,” Hoerner said. “He said to me, ‘The Big Dipper is such a ruin right now. There is no way you could ever have a business in it again. It’s probably going to be turned into a parking lot or something.’”

Hoerner said this incident resonated with him. After one of Spokane’s most iconic venues, 123 Arts, was torn down and turned into a parking lot, Hoerner decided he had to do something to save the Big Dipper.

“[123 Arts] was a place where

I saw some amazing bands, like Fugazi. I had a practice space there, I played tons of shows there, and now it’s a parking lot,” Hoerner said. “It’s sad to see stuff like that go.”

After its heyday in the late 1980s and 1990s, the Big Dipper changed hands as a business several times.

It hosted Christian-based RAWK shows through the early 2000s and was briefly the location of the now-closed Empyrean Café. Since then, it has been falling apart.

With problems ranging from structural decay, deteriorating wiring and plumbing, and a general lack of maintenance, Hoerner has had his work cut out for him in the past eight months of renovation.

The single biggest setback for the Big Dipper has been raising funds to update the building’s sprinkler system, which comes with a \$50,000 price tag. A new sprinkler system will significantly raise the maximum capacity of the venue from the now-low number of 110 occupants, Hoerner said.

Hoerner started a fundraising campaign through indiegogo, an international crowdfunding site focused on raising money for arts,

music, film and small businesses. So far, less than \$5,000 of the \$50,000 goal has been reached. Before its re-opening, Hoerner hosted several private parties at the Big Dipper, intended to help raise awareness of the indiegogo campaign.

The members of Spokane band BBBBAndits, one of the few bands that were invited to play the private parties, remember going to the Big Dipper in its original state.

“It was pretty grimy back then,” BBBBAndits guitarist Ryan Tucker said. “They really cleaned it up, and opened up the space.”

“When I walked in, it was like time travel,” Tucker said. “There was kind of an emo-core band playing, and it was like, ‘Did I just walk into 1999?’”

“It was kind of strange,” BBBBAndits bassist Colleen Vice said. “Definitely like going back in time. [Tucker] even found [early 2000s Spokane punk band] American Zero graffiti in the bathroom. So many memories there.”

Gawain Fadeley, lead guitarist of BBBBAndits, remembers playing at the Big Dipper in his old band,

the Rock Ness Monsters, in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

“After 12 years, playing there again was great,” Fadeley said. “It still sounds terrific, and the way the stage kind of envelops the dance floor is the best. It’s still the best place to see a rock show in town.”

Justin East, who performs as DJ Creepshow, played the first private party. He said that Hoerner has the right idea but that in order for the venue to succeed, it needs a push from the community.

“[Hoerner] wants something good for the community, he truly does,” East said.

“I know [Hoerner] has invested a ton of time and money into that place, but we need a better sense of community,” said East. “We complain so much about our city, but we don’t back people when they are willing to venture out.”

The city of Spokane has responded to Hoerner’s determination in a huge way. He just met with city planners and engineers who told him the city will be supplying the two-inch water pipes needed for the sprinkler systems. Hoerner said this contribution will shave \$25,000 to \$30,000 off of the price.

“I am hugely closer to my goal. I am so excited right now,” Hoerner said. “The city is really behind us. They want Spokane to be revitalized. They want

the Big Dipper to be an economic generator again, instead of just a black hole.”

“It’s a lot different around here now than back in the Rock Ness days,” Fadeley said. “Back then, we took everything for granted. Now it seems that folks seem to recognize how important it is to preserve what we’ve got.”

Hoerner said things are coming full circle.

Last Saturday, the Big Dipper officially opened its doors again with a benefit show for KYRS, Spokane’s thin air radio station. Although Hoerner said the Big Dipper will host some 21 and over events, he wants his venue to have lots of all ages shows.

“I think people of all ages should be able to see live music up close and in a dangerous, sweaty fashion,” Hoerner said.

Hoerner still remembers his first experience at the Big Dipper.

“I was about 19 years old, and I was playing in a band,” Hoerner said. “I was too young to be in the Big Dipper, because it was a 21 and over show that night. It was really cold, and I remember waiting outside for my turn to play, being really nervous, the door opening, playing for a few minutes, then straight back outside.”

“Steve Spickard, who I am buying the building from,” Hoerner said, “is the same fellow that I faked out with my fake ID.”

“[The Big Dipper] is still the best place to see a rock show in town.”

Gawain Fadeley

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EWU alumnus pursues his dreams

Beat-droppin’ barista is hopeful about musical endeavors

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When students order drinks at Tawanka Beverage, Bakery and Bistro, they are probably unaware that their barista, Dominique Small, has a few hidden talents.

Small graduated from EWU in August 2013 with a marketing degree and a decent reputation as an artist. While at Eastern, Small produced his own music as well as the music of two other Eagles, Cameron and James Fleming. He plans to move to Seattle, with hopes of producing music professionally.

Small started making music in the eighth grade with a \$15 microphone. His main genres are hip-hop and rap, but he also has produced some rock and country. He said his sound quality was not the best at the time, but he still enjoyed making it.

Small came to EWU winter quarter 2010 and got a job at the Guita Center in Spokane in 2011. Piece by piece, he used his discount at the Guita Center to build himself a recording studio.

“It is tough to get the good quality unless you have the resources to do it,” said Small.

Small said it took him about five to six months to

build his studio so he could get the sound quality he was looking for. He then used his studio to record his songs with both live and computerized instruments.

“It’s cool. You just build it all and stack on sound after sound after sound until you have a song,” said Small.

In his studio, he writes and produces his own music. Each song takes him about a week to produce. “My goal is to make it radio quality,” said Small.

Small also uses his studio to help produce songs for his friends. He works with Cameron and James Fleming to create music. Small says he would like to do it professionally some day.

Cameron Fleming, who is a junior, says Small is very helpful when it comes to producing music. “He’s great to work with. He is open to try things, which is super nice, especially making music,” said Cameron Fleming.

“There’s so many artists I’ve found that are really talented, but they don’t have the ability to find a studio and to actually record. Almost all of them, when you ask, ‘You’re really good, have you ever recorded?’ They’re like ‘No, I don’t even know where to start.’ That’s what I would like to do,” said Small.

After he is done in the studio, Small occasionally

performs his music live, usually at Rokko’s Teriyaki, which is owned by David Hall. Small has performed at Rokko’s a handful of times and has also had gigs in Spokane at the Knitting Factory and the A Club.

“I think it’s fabulous. I think he is probably one of the most talented people around. ... All of the stuff he does is probably the best stuff. I’ve seen probably 300 or 400 artists in my life, and he is as good as anybody I’ve ever heard,” said Hall.

If one goes into Rokko’s Teriyaki, they will most likely hear Small’s music playing. Hall said they are playing Small’s new CD and are usually playing his online songs too.

Hall said that Small has the whole package: his rapping, his ability to go beyond rap, his writing, his charisma and his stage presence are all excellent. Small even uses the knowledge he learned during his time at Eastern to help his music.

“He uses his marketing skills, and his ideas on how to market are fabulous,” said Hall.

On and off the stage, in and out of the studio, Small is a nice guy. “He is soft spoken, the kind of guy you want to listen to. ... He is a great guy to be around,” said Hall.



Image courtesy of Dominique Small
Small produces music in various genres, including hip-hop, rap, rock and country.



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Surviving senioritis starts with outside motivation

SENIORITIS SURVIVAL TIPS



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Get active



Have fun!



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Senioritis is the crippling “disease” that seems to seep in around this time of year, which includes symptoms of excessive laziness and a lack of studying.

Fortunately, there are ways to avoid senioritis. EWU students weigh in on how they are staying motivated until graduation.

“I try to involve myself in other activities outside of school and stay active,” said EWU senior Abigail Wegley, who is also completing an internship and is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

EWU senior Alli McDonald said seniors should realize how close graduation is. “I think for me focusing on graduation and it being so close helps,” said McDonald.

EWU senior Jessica Linder agrees focus is a great tool.

“Your hard work is going to only benefit you in your future. It’s kind of like finals week. I knew I was so close to being done, but I wanted to make sure I gave it my all because when I’m done I get to celebrate and know that I tried my hardest to do the best that I could to finish strong,” Linder said.

According to the National Association for College Commission Counseling, there are ways a student can avoid the dreaded disease, as pointed out in the article, “Tips for Senioritis.”

First, the association suggests planning ahead.

“The best tool is a calendar or a day planner. Write down all of your deadlines for applications, papers, tests and so on. Then note your other activities, your

sports, drama or band rehearsals. Then, map out what you have to do,” said the association’s article.

“I designed my schedule so I wouldn’t be taking a full load the last quarter in case I was super burnt out,” said McDonald, who agrees planning ahead is important.

In addition, the association suggests students should try to talk about feelings of anxiety or stress and avoid over-thinking.

“Useful people to talk to are your friends who are going through the same things you are: your parents, your guidance counselor and other adults whom you respect,” said the association’s article.

The article’s final piece of advice is simply to have fun.

“I try to have fun and forget that I am a senior,” said Wegley. “These are the days I’ll always remember.”

SYMPOSIUM: CONTINUED FROM FRONT

“Since this monumental day, we have been working with the Odyssey Youth Center and have discovered, as my research indicates, schools are not prepared for these kiddos,” said White.

She would also like to try to get a grant to receive funding to make her research project more of a reality.

“I am kind of all about change and unsilencing things that have been silenced,” said White.

The symposium is a great place to start showing work, according to EWU symposium coordinator Lindsey Porter. She estimates the number of pre-

senters this year will be around 500. Porter says the opportunities this event provides goes beyond just showing work, knowing how to articulate and being understood. It offers a more professional opportunity as well.

“Not only does it provide an environment where you can present your research to your peers, [and] to your faculty members, but it’s a real-world experience conference. You can put it on your résumé. ... It is a vital component of higher education,” said Porter.

There are many events going before the symposium. The writer’s center is holding research projects. The next workshop

will be April 7-8, where students can bring their research projects in for help with revisions.

The last workshop will be April 21-22, and students will be given tips and guidance to design and give an effective presentation.

There will also be a luncheon during the symposium in which Dr. Jon Hammermeister will be speaking, as well as creative work presentations in the EWU Art Building

on May 13 Those who attend the creative works presentations will get the chance to see all the creative works in one night.

EWU junior assistant symposium coordinator Sarah Cornwell said she was excited to see all the different presentations from students this year.

“They’ve just done really amazing research projects,” said Cornwell.

Cornwell said there is something for everyone at the symposium due to

the variety of interests and disciplines. It is exciting and interesting all around.

“It’s a really cool thing to see, especially if it is something that is of your interest and also things that aren’t. ... Those can also be very interesting,” said Cornwell.

Porter would like to remind students that all abstracts and project descriptions are due April 11.

“The symposium, I think, is one of the best events on campus for our students,” said Porter.

“The symposium is a wonderful opportunity for students to get their work out there and for the community to see what the kids have been working on,” said White.

BLOOD: CONTINUED FROM FRONT

“We have a 150-mile area radius around Spokane that we service. We have about 35 area hospitals and need 200 donors a day on average to supply that need,” said Peters.

For students who were unable to donate that day, Peters said they will be offering more blood drives in the future.

“We’re here almost monthly. Our next drive is in April, on April 30,” Peters said.

Students can also donate by visiting the Inland Northwest Blood Center.

“Students could also always call our center and check out the website. We have more information [about donating] on our website,” Peters said.



Orenda Doughty smiles as she donates blood.



At the blood drive on March 13, volunteers handed out apple shaped stress balls to people who donated blood.



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OPINION

Students have individual responsibility for printing needs

Three sources used to calculate \$9 print credit

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Printing has been a stress-inducing adventure during my years as an Eastern student.

Double-majoring in creative writing and visual communication design creates quite a few printing opportunities, which causes me to do memory exercises with regards to how much print credit is on my card and if I need to have cash that day. On a good day, I remember what page I'm on in my book. On a bad day, I vaguely remember the chapter and guess from there.

Generally, I do not carry cash because it is easier for me to swipe my debit card, but if I think there is even a remote possibility that I will need more money for print credit, I force myself to carry cash. As a result, anyone who is within earshot will get the good fortune of hearing me grouse about going over the \$9 allotted to me.

I got so fed up with going over the credited amount, I started looking for the facts as to why the print credit hasn't been raised. So many of my peers in my major have complained about going over their print credit that I assumed the university was just ignoring us by not raising the print credit. Thankfully, my sleuthing proved me wrong before I went to the printed word to ignorantly demand for more money.

Technical support services supervisor Carl Combs said deciding on how much print credit to award students is a process. He said about 10 to 12 percent of students use all or most of their print credit, while the majority of students either do not use their print credit or only print \$1 or \$2 worth. He stressed that the print credit budget isn't made for every student to print the full \$9, but rather cover the average student who falls in the middle. Combs assured me they compare against other universities, and said Eastern is about average when it comes to print credit.

The funds for the print credit come from a combination of funds from EagleFlex, the EWU Information Technologies Department and the technology fee. These services work together to keep the price of printing relatively cheap for students.

EagleFlex and the IT department purchase the supplies, while the technology fee mostly covers the hardware — such as computers, printers, tablets and cameras — that is available to students and their upkeep.

Print credit is a reaction to this combination of services coming together and is budgeted for each year, like every other service on campus. It's like the imaginary number that mathematics tries to pass off as a real thing. It's the reason there is no rollover from quarter to quarter. It wasn't budgeted to work that way.



Gower

Those of us who fall to the extremes of using all of our print credit are the exception and not the rule for how they create the budget. Combs said if every student used all of their print credit, it would break the bank but would indicate a problem in the system if everyone was reaching their print limit.

Now you may be wondering if the \$9 doesn't necessarily exist, why have a print credit at all, why not make it free?

If the university made all printing free, Combs warns that students would not responsibly print. Rather, students would print projects and papers before they were perfect. Depending on how much time a student wants to waste on printing a project or paper, hundreds of inked-up pages would begin to populate the recycling bins.

Rather, this cap of \$9 makes students think about what they are printing and how close to perfect their project really is. There is an added benefit, as students learn tricks on how to save money, like duplexing, or printing on both sides, a 20-page paper if the instructor allows.

Being one of the extreme students, who on average has to supplement my print credit with EagleFlex, printing has made me rather good at finding friends to share the print cost, especially those who don't print a lot.

If a print doesn't come out as well as it should, Combs said to talk to a lab technician. They will most likely help with printing by crediting the next print job or cover the cost completely. Combs said the labs are pretty liberal towards customer service, as he wants to help the students.

He does warn to check the price for a print job to make sure it is correct before sending it through the system. If you think something is off, ask. Like all technology, there are glitches and the software may mess up and try to charge you more. By telling one of the lab techs and warning them of the possible glitch will help you and other students save and not be robbed of your hard-earned, imaginary print credit.

Plus, the university is looking into getting an online payment system for EagleFlex, according to LeeAnn Case, associate vice president of business and auxiliary. This will mean that you won't have to keep cash on you or plan your printing around the business hours of the EagleFlex office. There is also the added benefit of being able to check your balance without having to leave your comfy bed through the soon-to-be-new software.

There are options for printing, and students should take advantage of them. Though if you are unsure, never stay quiet, ask and be heard. Those nice people employed with the IT department are listening and will take student suggestions for more print credit into consideration. However, students do need to remember there is a lot that goes into deciding on the budget for print credit, from supplies to hardware — even if it would be great to lay in a pile of freshly inked paper.

Easterner Asks



“What is the best thing that happened to you during spring break?”

“I went to Salt Lake City for a mission trip and spoke to a boy named C.J., and he accepted Christ into his life.”



Ian Estes

“I went to San Francisco.”



Yarrow Sandberg

“My AUAP students cooked dinner for me.”



Kristina Lee

Question for next week:
“How do you take advantage of spring weather on campus?”

Letter to the Editor

Online Campaigning is how to run for ASEWU against Greek candidates with well-established connections

Dear Editor,

After seeing two years of ASEWU elections, one as an Easterner reporter and the other as the public relations specialist for ASEWU, the candidates that are involved with the Greek system already have connections when campaigning in the primary and general elections. When I was with ASEWU, about 95 percent of my colleagues were involved with the Greek system. I was part of the 5 percent that was not in the Greek system.

The Greek members campaigning for the student government already have the votes of their fellow fraternity brothers and their sorority sisters. With that being said, I encourage everyone that is looking to get involved, Greek or non-Greek, to run for an ASEWU position or apply to be a part of the president's cabinet. I used to work for ASEWU, and it was a great place to work. It helped me get more involved at Eastern, as well as get into the communication graduate program at WSU. I never ran for an elected position, but I was hired to do public relations as part of the president's cabinet.

Students that commute to Eastern have a disadvantage because they usually do not stay on campus unless it is for class or a job. For all the students that don't have campus connections: social media is a must. If a student cannot campaign in person, campaign online. Using EWU hashtags on twitter and putting posters of your online network is the first step to having a chance at running against Greek candidates with established connections.

Sincerely,

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Internet complicates plagiarism laws

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With the dawn of the Internet, artists of all makes not only gained access to a new way of showing others their works but also gained a new threat to their portfolios.

Anyone can create a website to show off their artistic work. This freedom, however, is coupled with the potential for others to claim that artwork as their own. This can be simply done with a right-click, a “save as” and a renaming of the file.

While there is some protection against theft of artwork under copyright laws, there are times when an artist may not realize that their work has been stolen until someone has informed them.

Students at EWU need to be aware of the laws that protect their artwork and the works of others. This is especially important when there is a strict plagiarism rule that holds the potential for expulsion from the university if broken.

This plagiarism rule doesn't apply to just essays and thoughts of others but also to pieces of art that might be used in graphic design or projects. Simply searching for an image on Google is not a proper technique for finding art to use. You need to make sure that the copyrights placed upon the images allow for the use you are intending.

Alternatively, if you are intending to post your artwork online, make sure that your copyrights are clearly stated, or place a watermark on your pieces in order to keep others from claiming your work as their own. This is especially important for those students who are running small businesses, like photography or freelance graphic design. If someone else claims your work, or uses it in an inappropriate fashion, it may reflect badly on your business.

While we prepare for graduation in the spring and look to gather our work into portfolios, make sure you are aware of the copyright laws and keep in mind those laws when you are posting your work online.

Horoscopes

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Aries

March 21-April 20

Congratulations, you're the super special birthday sign. For those of you with an Aries friend, just remember, the best gifts are heartfelt: craft a homemade card, write a cheesy poem or give the birthday boy or girl \$10,000.

Taurus

April 21-May 21

You might have started the new quarter off on the wrong foot — literally, you tripped going up the stairs — but don't let that stop you from enjoying the best spring has to offer. Embrace the sun, talk to the birds and discreetly notice the lack of multiple layers of clothing. Wink.

Gemini

May 22-June 21

Have you ever had one of those perfect mornings where you wake up happy, make yourself some coffee and sing to the birds on your deck? No, neither have I. They don't exist. Unless you're Snow White. And if that's the case, I would suggest moving out of the Seven Dwarves' cottage.

Cancer

June 22-July 22

Go for it. I don't necessarily know what "it" is, but unless it's murder, hard drugs, or something equally illegal, go for it.

Leo

July 23-August 22

It is a scientific fact — as long as scientific fact means I made it up just now — that we need to take breaks every now and then. Another scientific fact: spending your break eating Ben and Jerry's Half Baked and watching "The Office" is the ideal way to do it.

Virgo

August 23-September 23

Virgos, I'm going to challenge you this week. Do something completely outside of your comfort zone. Go see a movie by yourself; I hear "Divergent" is terrible, though, so maybe don't see that one. Take a class you would never normally take. Just go to a party; social anxiety is a real thing, and party-going can be far outside a comfort zone. Oh, and if anything goes wrong, I claim no responsibility.

Libra

September 24-October 23

You've gotten yourself into a sticky situation. You probably shouldn't have stepped in that mixture of maple syrup, glue and honey. But don't worry, there is a way out of this metaphor, and it involves soap and water.

Scorpio

October 24-November 22

I love how charitable you Scorpios are. But, as it turns out, we cannot beat breast cancer just by taking pictures of ourselves wearing no make-up. However, we can help by donating money to cancer research. If you like birds and stones, try posting a no make-up selfie to Facebook with a caption saying you donated, and encourage others to as well via links to your favorite charity.

Sagittarius

November 23-December 21

Your March Madness bracket is so busted by now that you probably owe your friends hundreds of dollars, and it isn't even time for the final game yet. Don't worry, they'll understand. Who could have predicted Dayton's success, anyway?

Capricorn

December 22-January 20

It's hard to get out of that winter funk. Some studies say that pets and exercise are the best treatments for depression. So, make sure to pet your cat while she runs on the treadmill.

Aquarius

January 21-February 19

Ignore people when they make fun of you for your guilty pleasures. Unless, your guilty pleasure involves something that begins with "Real Housewives of ..." In that case, you might want to rethink your life.

Pisces

February 20-March 20

The first week of school can be overwhelming, but don't worry, the stress evens out for about eight weeks. Just when you start to feel comfortable again, the anxiety will return in time for finals.

Mad Libs

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Pools of _____ liquid _____ verb _____ throughout the _____ place _____ fields in _____ time, and drivers cruising by _____ season _____ can spot anything from _____ plural animal _____ and swans fueling up for their northern journey to bald _____ plural animal _____ flying overhead hunting for prey.

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BASEBALL:

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Eastern then moved on to play the University of Idaho, where they won three straight games against the Vandals. "We've made a ton of improvements from the first weekend to the second weekend," Club President and coach Cash Ulrich said. "It was good that we stepped up to the plate against Idaho because those are conference games."

The Eagles won the first game against Idaho, 9-3. During the second game, the Eagles beat the Vandals in a close battle, 8-7. Eastern won their third consecutive game with a convincing victory of 18-4.

Eastern went on to play the University of Montana on March 29-30, where they went 2-1 in three games. The Eagles lost the first game to the Grizzlies, 19-8. Eastern then bounced back in the second game by winning 11-3. The club also won the third game, 7-4.

The team practices every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Tuesday and Thursday, the club practices at Cheney Middle School. On Wednesday, they are indoors at the Phase in the field house on Eastern's campus.

"We're really focusing on our offensive approach," Ulrich said. "The

last couple of years, the offense has held us back a little bit. Our pitching [is] pretty solid, but if we hit the ball, we're going to be pretty good this year."

Aside from team practice, Levine finds ways to improve his performance as an athlete. "I would say being in good physical shape is important for me," Levine said. "I think that spending extra time in the batting cage pays off in the long run."

Ulrich explains that the goal for the club this year is to play in the Tampa, Fla., nationals. "The offense is key for us," Ulrich said. "That's what's [going to] help us get to regionals and hopefully Nationals, which is our goal for this year because we got a pretty solid team."

First baseman Logan Goulet was honored with the National Club Baseball Association player of the week for March 16-22. Goulet helped Eastern get their three consecutive victories over Idaho. He had three home runs and 12 RBIs in conference play.

The club has quite a few experienced players that all have been playing baseball for a long time. The team consists of 15 seniors who are all in their fourth, fifth or sixth years. Two of those seniors are Ulrich and Levine, who both have a substantial amount of baseball experience to bring to the team.



Photo by Karissa Berg

The men's baseball club watches from the dug out during a game on March 30.

"I've been playing baseball since I was probably 4 years old," Ulrich said. This is Ulrich's fourth year as a EWU baseball club member and his third year as the president and coach of the club.

"I've been playing since I was a kid, and I played

two years in junior college and then I came [to Eastern]," Levine said. Levine is currently in his second year as a member of the club.

Levine and Ulrich have high hopes for the rest of the season. "I think that we have room to improve and

we're going to improve, and I think that we're just going to get better as the season goes," Levine said. "I think our chemistry is growing every time we're together," Ulrich said.

"As far as having fun, that comes with winning. When

I took over as president, ... I wanted to bring ... a winning mentality because it hadn't been around before."

The team will be competing against Montana State at home on April 5 and 6.

Former Seattle Sounder to coach EWU women's keepers

By Ashlee Coffey

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Eastern women's soccer hired Rich Cullen as the new keepers coach to work specifically with the goalkeepers for the 2014 season.

"I was very excited to hear [Cullen] was in the area and interested in helping our program. He is a fantastic individual and has an incredible playing background," head coach Chad Bodnar said. "His expertise will definitely add to what we can offer our goalkeepers here, and I look forward to having him start with us this spring."

Cullen has an extensive résumé. He graduated from United States Air Force the academy in 1999 as a four-year letter winner. While attending the academy, he earned all-conference honors three times.

After graduating, Cullen was picked up in the Major League Soccer Superdraft, where he went on to play for the Colorado Raptors. He spent most of the season on a "college protected" or no-contract status, due to his role as an active member of the Air Force at the time.

After being reassigned to the McChord Air Force base in Tacoma, Wash., in 2001, Cullen played for the Seattle Sounders. In 2003, he "started most of the season" but later left the Sounders that same year. He returned to the United States Air Force Academy as an assistant men's coach from 2004-2006.

Cullen moved to Spokane in 2007 and started Washington Goalkeeping, which offers private group

and individual academy-style training.

"I grew up in the position [goalkeeping]. I joke that I didn't have the foot skills but had a generally fearless, reckless personality as a youngster, which drew me to the position," Cullen said. "It's rare that you get to work in a field that you've been a part of from the time you were five years old. I saw the need for [goalkeeping] training in Spokane. I was blessed to have some great [goalkeeping] coaches in my playing days that imparted on me their wisdom and would like to give back a bit of what I've learned."

Cullen has many goals for goalkeeping here at Eastern.

"I'd like to see improvement in their range within the 18-yard box and reliability in shot-stopping," Cullen said. "I expect the consistency of distribution to improve throughout the season. We will do this through dynamic training sessions that will keep them moving and hopefully keep their appetite strong for the position."

Cullen resides in Spokane with his wife Tamara and their four daughters: Mercedes, Charlotte, Nora and Sylvia.

"I'm excited to be back coaching at the highest collegiate levels with committed D-1 keepers. I love seeing a hunger for the position be translated into improvement. I really enjoy working with coachable [goalkeepers] that are not afraid to push their comfort levels, and I'm positive that EWU will have those types of [goalkeepers] on the roster."

Men's tennis shows potential in conference

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Without any seniors on the squad this year, the Eastern men's tennis team has been active during the Big Sky conference play with a 2-3 record, which is beating Idaho State and Portland State.

Winning four of their six singles matches, the Eagles beat the ISU Bengals 4-3 on March 7.

EWU freshman Robert Dula and sophomore Luke Thompson each knocked off top-ranked Bengals players to clinch individual wins.

Freshman Matt Boyle also won his singles match. Boyle is now 5-5 in singles play and 5-5 in doubles play.

"I think we have had a very good start to conference," Boyle said, "I feel we have a very good chance to make

the conference tournament. This would be a very big achievement for us as we have the youngest team in conference. Making top six in the conference is our main goal for the season."

Back in January, EWU showed up big against Portland State.

Dula again finished strong for the Eagles, going 2-1.

Sophomore Eduardo Bringold beat out Portland's Brent Wheeler in a singles match. Bringold is 5-4 overall, as well as in doubles matches. He is 2-0 in conference.

"I think that the best thing the team is doing is pushing themselves and stepping it up," Bringold said. "I am sure if we all do our best, we can get the conference this year."

Eastern will be on the road April 5 at Portland State and will be home April 9 against Southern Utah.

Men's Big Sky Standings

School	Win-Loss
Weber State	7-0
University of Montana	4-0
Montana State	3-1
Northern Colorado	5-2
Northern Arizona	3-2
Sacramento State	4-3
Eastern Washington	2-3
North Dakota	2-4
Idaho State	1-4
Portland State	1-5
Southern Utah	0-6

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EWU women’s basketball floored by Idaho State in Big Sky quarterfinals

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The EWU women’s basketball team found themselves in a tough competitive game with Idaho State, resulting in seven ties, seven lead changes and 44 fouls due to the physicality of the game. In their last game for the 2013-2014 season, Eastern played on March 13. The Eagles lost to the Bengals in overtime, 70-65, and saw their season come to an end. “They just got a lot of easy layups,” senior guard Aubrey Ashenfelter said. “I think towards the end of the game we just weren’t playing as solid a defense as we needed to play. They were just getting easy shots in the paint, and we weren’t getting those.” Redshirt junior guard Lexie Nelson also gave her view on how the team could not overcome Idaho State. “They’re a tough team. I got to give them credit to their coaching staff. They do a good job preparing their team,” Nelson said. “They play really hard, and they always come to play.” Ashenfelter gave the Eagles an 11-2 lead by

scoring seven straight points in the first half. Eastern went six for eight to increase their lead by nine points. After the opening run, however, the Eagles went on to miss their next six shots. The Bengals took advantage of Eastern’s scoring drought. Idaho State went on a 10-0 run to take a three point lead, 25-22. The Eagles would answer with an 8-0 run to lead at half-time, 30-28. Both teams stepped up in the second half. The Eagles took an early lead of 42-34, but Idaho State took the lead away with an 8-0 run. EWU answered back to regain the lead by four points. The Bengals kept the competition going by scoring two points to lead at the 2:47 mark. With less than 30 seconds left in the second half, the Eagles played lockdown defense on Idaho State to force a jump-ball situation. The Bengals missed the last shot at the buzzer, and the game went into overtime. In overtime, Idaho State scored back-to-back to go on a run. EWU cut the Bengals’ lead to three points in three different situations. However, Idaho State would answer back to increase their lead

to five points. Idaho State received the victory and moved on to the semifinals. Despite the loss, Ashenfelter and Nelson felt like the team competed well throughout the entire game. “I thought we played really hard. That really helped us a lot, and we rebounded a lot better in the first half,” Ashenfelter said. “We kind of had to fight through some adversity,” Nelson said. “I think we had some good bench play. I think we had a good first half.” According to Ashenfelter, the Bengals made things very difficult on EWU offensively. “They took probably like six charges on us in the whole game,” Ashenfelter said. “Just those turnovers really didn’t help us. They just did a lot of little things that we weren’t doing at the time.” Ashenfelter finished with 17 points and four assists, while Nelson contributed with 10 points. Redshirt sophomore Hayley Hodgins, junior forward Melissa Williams and freshman guard Jade Redmon all finished with 10 points as well. Idaho State out-rebounded the Eagles 46-32; however, both teams were tied at 12 assists. Eastern had a game high of 19 turnovers but out-

scored the Bengals 22-12 in points in the paint. Ashenfelter and Nelson looked back on how their season went and reflected on some of their failures and achievements. Both players gave different views on how the team competed this year. “You’re always going to have a few things you know you could have done differently,” Ashenfelter said. “But as a whole, I’m pretty happy with the way I played.” Nelson felt like the team could have done more, but she is also looking forward to next season as well. “I’m the type of person that’s never really satisfied. I always want more, but I definitely feel like we underachieved this year. But, I’m not dwelling on it, we just got to move forward and never live in the past,” Nelson said. The Eagles finished with an overall record of 16-14 for the season and a 12-8 record against the conference teams. The team also finished with an impressive 12-3 home record. Almost every single player will be coming back next season, with the exception of Ashenfelter and center Laura Hughes who are both graduating this year.

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Women’s Golf

Sophomore Marissa Borja was named the Big Sky Golfer of the Week on March 19. She earned this honor with an individual win at the Southern Utah Invitational on March 12-13. The team placed sixth overall.

Women’s Basketball

The women’s team ended their season and Big Sky Tournament run when they fell to No. 5 seed Idaho State on March 13. This is the third time the Eagles have lost to the Bengals during the tournament. Redshirt junior Lexie Nelson earned All-Big Sky First Team honors, and redshirt sophomore Hayley Hodgins received an honorable mention.

Men’s Basketball

Although they missed out on the Big Sky Tournament, the team finished their season with their best record in 10 years, ending the season 15-16 overall and 10-10 in Big Sky play. Sophomore guard Tyler Harvey was selected to the All-Big Sky First Team and also received NCAA second team honors.


Men’s Tennis

Over spring break, the men’s tennis team could not break their losing streak, which has increased to five consecutive losses after falling in a series of road matches. They will take on Portland State on April 5.

Women’s Tennis

The women spent their spring break in California taking on a series of teams, including Sacramento State, Sonoma State, Pacific and UC Davis. They lost all four matches, putting them on a current six-game losing streak. Their next match is in Montana on April 4.

What is your favorite EWU women’s basketball moment?



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